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SUBJECT: TEXT OF US-JAPAN BILATERAL FISHERIES AGREEMENT

REF: TOKYO 017098, TOKYO 16131

1. FOLLOWING ARE CONFIDENTIAL ORAL STATEMENTS WHICH WILL BE MADE BY US IN CONNECTION WITH US-JAPAN BILATERAL AGREEMENT, FOR DEPT. APPROVAL.

2. ORAL STATEMENT. THE UNITED STATES IS OF THE VIEW THAT THE GRADUAL DECLINE OF JAPANESE CATCH OF KING CRABS IN THE EASTERN BERING SEA SINCE THE END OF 1964 INDICATES THAT ITS FISHING OPERATIONS FOR KING CRABS IN THAT AREA WILL BE NEARING ITS END IN THE YEARS 1975 AND 1976.

3. ORAL STATEMENT. THE UNITED STATES INTENDS TO CONSULT WITH OTHER DISTANT WATER FISHING NATIONS WHOSE NATIONALS OR VESSELS OPERATE IN THE AREAS COVERED BY THE ARRANGEMENTS WITH JAPAN WITH A VIEW TOWARD ENSURING THE MAINTENANCE AND CONSERVATION OF STOCKS OF COMMON INTEREST AND REDUCING CONFLICTS IN FISHING OPERATIONS IN THESE AREAS. SUCH CONSULTATIONS WILL INCLUDE MEETINGS WITH THE SOVIET UNION REGARDING KING AND TANNER CRAB, MEASURES TO PREVENT

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GEAR CONFLICTS BETWEEN FIXED HALIBUT GEAR AND TRAWL GEAR

IN THE EASTERN BERING SEA AND FISHING WITHIN THE CONTIGUOUS FISHING ZONE OF THE UNITED STATES. THE UNITED STATES WILL SEEK REDUCTIONS IN THE FISHING OPERATIONS OF THESE NATIONS, IN A MANNER APPROPRIATE TO THE PATTERN OF THEIR FISHING, THROUGH CATCH CEILINGS AND AREA/TIME RESTRICTIONS WHERE APPLICABLE, WHICH WILL BE SIMILAR TO THE MEASURES UNDERTAKEN BY JAPAN. SHOULD THE MEASURES AGREED UPON BE LESS RESTRICTIVE IN EFFECT THAN THOSE UNDERTAKEN BY JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES WILL CONSULT WITH JAPAN TO REVIEW THE SITUATION.

4. ORAL STATEMENT. THE UNITED STATES UNDERSTANDS THE PURPORT OF THE JAPANESE STATEMENTS IN THEIR NOTE CONCERNING SALMON AND IN THE COMMENTS IN THE AGREED MINUTES TO BE THAT JAPANESE FISHING AND CATCH OF BRISTOL BAY SALMON IN THE WATERS WILL BE AT A LOW LEVEL DURING YEARS WHEN SALMON OF THE BRISTOL BAY ORIGIN ARE PREDICTED TO BE IN LOW ABUNDANCE.

5. FURTHER, FOR APPROVAL, IS LETTER CLINGAN PLANNING TO GIVE TO HEAD OF GOJ DELEGATION DUE TO GOJ REQUEST CONCERNING MODIFICATION OF AGREEMENT: "DEAR MR. FUKADA: WITH REFERENCE TO PARAGRAPH 3(5) OF THE NOTES CONCERNING CRAB AND PARAGRAPH 4 OF THE NOTES CONCERNING CERTAIN FISHERIES OFF THE COAST OF THE UNITED STATES, I WISH TO INDICATE THAT IT IS NOT THE INTENTION OF THE UNITED STATES SIDE TO REQUEST A MEETING TO CONSIDER THE DESIRABILITY OF MODIFICATIONS OF THE ABOVE ARRANGEMENTS UNLESS CIRCUMSTANCES SPECIFICALLY REQUIRE. AS IN THE PAST, THE ABSENCE OF CIRCUMSTANCES NECESSITATING A MODIFICATION WOULD RESULT IN THE CONTINUED EFFECTIVENESS OF THE EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS DURING THE PERIOD OF FORCE OF THE NOTES."  
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